

# South Carolina DesCartes Framework

Below is the framework upon which your version of DesCartes is based. In order to present the information in a manner that best supports instruction, in some instances it was necessary to modify the organization and grouping of content. This framework outlines the subject-area information found within DesCartes.

## Reading

### 1. Understanding and Using Literary Texts

- a. Predictions, Conclusions, Inferences
- b. Point of View, Characters, Setting, Plot, Theme
- c. Devices of Figurative Language, Author's Craft
- d. Summarizing, Details, Main Idea
- e. Characteristics of Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry

### 2. Understanding and Using Informational Texts

- a. Summarize Evidence That Supports the Central Idea
- b. Draw Conclusions and Make Inferences
- c. Understand Cause-and-Effect Relationships
- d. Facts and Opinions, Author Bias, Propaganda
- e. Text Elements, Graphic Features, Text Features

### 3. Building Vocabulary

- a. Use Context Clues to Determine Meaning
- b. Base Word, Prefix, Suffix, Idiom, Connotation
- c. Phonemic Awareness and Phonics
- d. Synonyms, Antonyms, and Homonyms